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COMBINED DISTRICT

RURAL : GLOUCESTER, EAST DEAN AND
LYDNEY.

URBAN : AWRE, WESTBURY-ON-SEVERN AND
NEWNHAM-ON-SEVERN.

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH :

SURGEON CAPTAIN O. W. ANDREWS, C.B.E., R.N.
Residence, St. Briavels.

*To the Chairman and Members of the Urban and Rural Districts
forming the West Gloucestershire Combined District.*

GENTLEMEN,

13th May, 1926.

I have the honour to lay before you my Annual Report
for the year 1925.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

O. W. ANDREWS,

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The M.O.H. is a whole-time officer, and one-half of his salary is, contributed from Exchequer grants.

TABLE I.—BIRTH-RATE, DEATH-RATE, AND ANALYSIS OF MORTALITY DURING THE YEAR 1925.

(Provisional figures. Populations estimated to the middle of 1925 have been used for the purposes of this Table. The mortality rates refer to the whole population as regards England and Wales, but only to civilians as regards London and the groups of towns).

	BIRTH- RATE PER 1,000 TOTAL POPU- LATION	ANNUAL DEATH-RATE PER 1,000 POPULATION										RATE PER 1,000 B-RTHS		PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL DEATHS		
		All Causes	Enteric Fever	Small-pox	Measles	Scarlet Fever	Whooping cough	Diphtheria	Influenza	Violence	Diarrhoea and Enteritis (under 2 years)	Total Deaths under One Year	Causes of Deaths Certified by Registered Medical Practitioners	Inquest Cases	Uncertified Causes of Death.	
England and Wales	18.3	12.2	0.01	0.00	0.13	0.03	0.15	0.07	0.32	0.47	8.4	75	92.1	6.9	1.0	
105 County Boroughs and Great Towns including London	18.8	12.2	0.01	0.00	0.17	0.03	0.18	0.09	0.30	0.43	10.8	79	92.1	7.3	0.6	
157 Smaller Towns (1921 Ad- justed Populations, 20,000 to 50,000)	18.3	11.2	0.01	0.00	0.15	0.02	0.14	0.06	0.31	0.38	7.6	74	93.0	5.9	1.1	
London	18.0	11.7	0.01	0.00	0.08	0.02	0.19	0.11	0.23	0.46	10.6	67	91.1	8.9	0.1	

TABLE II.—SHOWING THE GENERAL VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE WEST GLOUCESTERSHIRE
UNITED DISTRICT 1925.

Year.	1	Houses Inhabited (in 1911, 10056) Area 98371 Statute Acres.	Population estimated to Middle of each year.	Nett. Births		Total Deaths Registered in the District.		Transferable Deaths		Nett Deaths belonging to the District			
				Number	Rate	Number	Rate	of Non-residents registered in the District	of Residents not registered in the District	Under 1 Year of Age		At all Ages.	
										Number	Rate per 1,000 Nett Births	Number	Rate.
		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1920		—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1921		10504	47897	—	—	580	12.1	152	71	62	55.6	500	10.4
1922		—	48059	—	—	645	13.4	158	84	55	53.9	573	11.9
1923		10582	48443	957	19.7	618	12.7	174	82	42	43.8	516	10.6
1924		10633	48862	904	18.4	673	13.7	191	71	56	61.95	551	11.2
1925		10333	49132	915	18.6	636	12.9	191	113	55	60.1	558	11.3

TABLE OF COMPARATIVE MORTALITY FOR YEARS 1921-1925

	1921		1922		1923		1924		1925		Annual Death Rate England and Wales 1925
	Total	Rate per 1000	Total	Rate per 1000	Total	Rate per 1000	Total	Rate per 1000	Total	Rate per 1000	
Enteric	2	0.04	0	—	4	0.08	0	—	0	—	0.01
Smallpox	0	—	0	—	0	—	2	0.04	0	—	0.00
Measles	0	—	0	—	5	0.1	3	0.06	0	—	0.13
Scarlet Fever	1	0.02	0	—	2	0.04	0	—	1	0.02	0.03
Whooping Cough	2	0.04	1	0.02	2	0.04	7	0.14	3	0.06	0.15
Diphtheria	4	0.08	5	0.1	3	0.06	8	0.16	2	0.04	0.07
Influenza	12	0.24	41	0.83	7	0.14	15	0.3	10	0.20	0.32
Encephalitis Lethargica	0	—	0	—	0	—	3	0.06	1	0.02	—
Meningococcal Meningitis	1	0.02	0	—	0	—	0	—	1	0.02	—
Tuberculosis Respiratory	25	0.52	40	0.83	27	0.5	21	0.42	35	0.7	—
Other Tubercle Diseases	5	0.1	10	0.2	11	0.2	4	0.08	7	0.14	—
Cancer	58	1.2	49	1.0	42	0.8	75	1.5	66	1.3	—
Rheumatic Fever	3	0.06	0	—	2	0.04	2	0.04	3	0.06	—
Diabetes	0	—	7	0.14	3	0.06	4	0.08	9	0.18	—
Cerebral Haemorrhage	35	0.7	27	0.56	33	0.66	40	0.80	42	0.8	—
Heart Diseases	73	1.5	52	1.0	91	1.8	86	1.70	68	1.3	—
Arterio-Sclerosis	7	0.14	14	0.28	13	0.26	12	0.24	20	0.4	—
Diseases of Respiration other than Tuberculous	61	1.2	100	2.08	64	1.3	88	1.8	90	1.8	—
Ulcer of Stomach	3	0.06	5	0.1	5	0.1	0	—	1	0.02	—
Diarrhoea, etc., under 2 years	12	0.24	5	0.1	1	0.02	6	0.12	1	0.02	—
Appendicitis	3	0.06	2	0.04	2	0.04	2	0.04	8	0.16	—
Cirrhosis	3	0.06	1	0.02	2	0.04	4	0.08	0	—	—
Nephritis	13	0.27	10	0.2	20	0.4	16	0.32	16	0.32	—
Puerperal Sepsis	1	0.02	0	—	2	0.04	0	—	1	0.02	—
Other accidents of Parturition	5	0.1	3	0.06	4	0.08	0	—	1	0.02	—
Congenital Debility	32	0.66	26	0.54	20	0.4	28	0.57	26	0.5	—
Suicide	5	0.1	4	0.08	5	0.1	5	0.1	6	0.12	—
Other Violent Deaths	13	0.26	22	0.45	23	0.4	15	0.3	21	0.4	—
Other Def. Diseases	67	1.3	124	2.5	117	2.4	102	2.0	115	2.3	0.47
Causes, ill-defined or unknown	0	—	2	0.04	2	0.04	3	0.06	4	0.08	—

TABLE IV.—TUBERCULOSIS, WEST GLOUCESTERSHIRE, 1925

Table IV. given in accordance with Circular 540 Ministry of Health (18-xii- 24)

AGE-PERIODS	New Cases		Deaths	
	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmon.	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmon.
Under 1 year	0	0	1	0
1 and under 5 years	2	1	1	0
5 „ 15 „	2	5	2	3
15 „ 25 „	15	2	8	4
25 „ 45 „	22	1	18	0
45 „ 65 „	6	1	4	0
65 and upwards ..	2	0	1	0
Totals	M F 49 (25 24)	M F 10 (5 5)	M F 35 (12 23)	M F 7 (2 5)

WEST GLOUCESTERSHIRE COMBINED DISTRICT

This year the Ministry of Health require that the Annual Report for 1925 shall be a Survey Report.

It was intimated in paragraph 13 of Circular 540 of the 18th December, 1924, that the Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for 1925 would be a Survey Report, and that in this Report the Medical Officer of Health should be prepared to deal comprehensively with :

- (a) The measure of progress made in the area during the preceding five years in the improvement of public health.
- (b) The extent and character of the changes made during that period in the public health services of the area (*e.g.*, housing, water supply, sewerage, scavenging or refuse disposal, food inspection, or other services affecting the environment of the inhabitants ; and maternity and child welfare schemes, schemes for the treatment of tuberculosis and venereal diseases, provision of isolation hospitals, or other services directed to the prevention or cure of disease in individuals).
- (c) Any further action of importance in the organisation or development of public health services contemplated by the Local Authority or considered desirable by the Medical Officer of Health, and that the subjects dealt with in the Report fall under the following main heads :—

Natural and Social Conditions of the Area.

General Provision of Health Services in the Area.

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

Housing.

Inspection and Supervision of Food.

Prevalence of, and Control over, Infectious Diseases.

Maternity and Child Welfare.

In 1924 the Assessable Value of the six districts amounted to £231,337 6s. 9d. This year the figures for Newnham Urban District were not obtainable, but assuming that the Assessable Value of Newnham has not depreciated this would mean that the Assessable Value of the whole West Gloucestershire Area amounts to £226,491 16s. 7d. This figure represents a fall in the Assessable Value which it is difficult to believe has occurred in view of the many new buildings which have been erected during the past 12 months. Assuming this figure to be correct then totalling the yield of 1d. rate as reported for each separate district, 1d. rate on the whole area represents the sum of £923 1s. 4d. In each part of the district half the salaries of the staff of the Health Service with the exception of that of the Health Visitor for East Dean is paid by an Exchequer grant, 1d. rate therefore more than covers the whole of the salaries of the Staff.

Before this Report went to Press, Coleford Urban District had come to form an integral part of the District which will on and after 1st April, 1926 be composed of :—

East Dean	} Rural Districts.	Awre	} Urban Districts.
Gloucester		Coleford	
Lydney		Newnham	
		Westbury	

this amalgamation of Districts is made with a view to economy.

OUTSTANDING LOANS

Gloucester Rural District Council

Lenders	Object of Loan	Amount of Loan	Date of Loan	Amount outstanding on 31st March, 1926		
Public Works Loan Commissioners..	Churchdown Drainage	£11,565	22nd Sept., 1913	£8,044	0	0
Capital & Counties Bank	North End Drainage	10,000	26th Oct., 1897	172	9	9
Ditto	Ditto	1,400	13th Oct., 1902	800	0	0
Ditto	Churchdown Drainage	225	25th Jan., 1915	225	0	0
Prudential Assurance Co. Ltd.	North End Drainage	9,615	25th Nov., 1901	2,053	7	2
Public Works Loan Commissioners..	Housing Scheme	6,551	28th June, 1920	6,484	2	6
Ditto	Ditto	10,840	25th Oct., 1920	9,553	13	1
Ditto	Ditto	5,746	26th Feb., 1921	5,692	12	10
Ditto	Ditto	18,746	23rd May, 1921	18,273	19	2
Ditto	Ditto	2,450	8th Sept., 1921	2,442	9	0
Ditto	Ditto	7,225	28th Nov., 1921	7,159	12	10
Ditto	Ditto	4,900	11th Feb., 1922	4,855	13	8
Ditto	Ditto	980	10th Jan., 1923	836	2	5
Ditto	Ditto	3,253	12th May, 1924	3,045	2	4
Ditto	Ditto	1,539	23rd Mar. 1925	1,491	9	10
Ditto	Unemployment	166	29th Oct. 1923	152	14	5
Gloucester Conservative Benefit Society.. ..	Ditto	1,300	1st May, 1925	1,221	6	0
Public Works Loan Commissioners..	Housing Scheme	2,308	21st Nov. 1925	2,272	15	11
Ditto	Ditto	2,308	31st Mar. 1926	5,138	0	0
Ditto	North End Drainage	5,025	11th June, 1925	4,946	16	2

East Dean and United Parishes Rural District

Name of Council	Object of Loan	Sum borrowed	Date of Loan	Amount outstanding on 31st March, 1926		
East Dean and United Parishes Rural District	Water	£27784	4-7-23	£24858	7	8
„ ..	Housing (1919 Act)	1220	1-12-20	1213	19	11
„ ..	(Subsidies)	2510	10-12-24	2454	7	5
„ ..	(Stockwell Green Site)	4000	1-1-24	3978	3	5
Newnham Urban District	Drainage	1100	11-11-03	293	6	8
„ ..	Burial Ground	600	9-7-10	290	0	0
„ ..	„	400	14-9-10	90	0	0
„ ..	Housing Subsidies	850	8-9-20	847	15	11
„ ..	„	220	{ 20-3-25 } { 21-9-25 }	216	18	5
Awre Urban District	Housing	450	22-4-22	446	8	9
Westbury-on-Severn	Nil		Nil	Nil		

Lydney Rural District Council

Object of Loan	Sum borrowed	Date of Loan	Amount outstanding on 31st March, 1925
Highways	£3891 ..	1906, 1908, 1922,	£2158 18 7
„ Special Lydney } Hams Road }	600	1923	555 0 0
Sewerage Works ..	11,284 ..	{ 1900, 1902, 1904, } 1907, 1921 }	3980 0 0
Water Works ..	14,068 ..	1902, 1905, 1910, 1925	4423 16 0
(Lydney & Woolaston)			
Housing (1919 Act)	38025	1920, 1921	35,784 19 5
„ (1923 Act)	8250	1924	8,245 15 0
„ „ „			
Subsidy for private enterprise ..	160	1925	160 0 0
Totals ..	76,278		55,306 9 3

NATURAL AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

The greater part of the West Gloucestershire Combined Area is contained in the Forest of Dean which possesses the singular advantage of retaining the beautiful scenery of the woodlands and at the same time supporting a large mining population, thus differing from most of the mining districts, where the beauty of the country has had to be sacrificed to the economic conditions connected with the colliery industry. Lydney R.D. except for Lydney Town where there are Tin-plate works employing 520 hands, is chiefly an agricultural area. It is true that there is one colliery in the district, and the West Gloucestershire Power Company's Power Station adjoining the colliery, but these at present only afford employment to a comparatively small proportion of the population. Awre, Newnham and Westbury are Urban in name only, Gloucester Rural is partly suburban, but chiefly agricultural.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA.

Provision for the Health Services is made in part by the Local Authorities and in part by the County Council. the latter having the control of Tuberculosis.

Amongst other important Health Legislation which came into operation in 1925 was the Milk and Dairies (Consolidation) Act, 1915. This Act became operative on the 1st September. It re-enacts a number of provisions contained in the Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act, and of Food and Drugs Act, with regard to Milk and Dairies. It also reproduces a number of amendments and new provisions which were contained in the Milk and Dairies Act, 1914, the operation of which was deferred owing to the war. By this new Act it will be necessary for the Local Authority to stop the supply of milk which is likely to cause Tuberculosis, and Section 4 contains an obligation to inspect dairies in certain cases Thus :—

(1) If the M.O.H. of any Local Authority has reason to suspect that Tuberculosis is caused, or is likely to be caused, by the consumption of any milk which is being sold or exposed or kept for sale within the area of the Local Authority, he shall endeavour to ascertain the sources of supply, and on ascertaining the facts shall forthwith give notice of them to the M.O.H. of the County or County Borough in which the cows from which the milk is obtained are kept, whether the dairy where they are kept is within or without the area of the Local Authority, unless the Local Authority are themselves the Council of that County or County Borough.

(2) On the receipt of such notice it shall be the duty of the M.O.H. of the County or County Borough to cause the cattle in the dairy to be inspected, and to make such other investigations as may be necessary.

(3) Provides for opportunity for the parties reporting or concerned with supplying Tuberculous milk to employ a Veterinary Surgeon to watch in their interest.

(4) Provides that the M.O.H. who gave notice of suspected milk shall be furnished with copies of Bacteriological or Veterinary reports on the case concerned, and

shall give him information as to whether any action has been taken upon those reports and as to the nature of that action.

Section 8 empowers the M.O.H. or other person authorised by the Local Authority to take samples of milk within the area of the Local Authority.

Paragraph (3) of Section 8 provides that the M.O.H. of an area where suspected milk is sold, can, by giving notice in writing, require the M.O.H. or other authorised officer where the suspected milk is produced, to take samples, and paragraph (4) lays down that the Authority requiring samples to be taken shall be liable to defray any reasonable expenses incurred in the taking and examination of samples and the amount whereof shall in default of agreement be settled by the Ministry of Health.

Another Order which became operative on the same day as the Milk and Dairies (Consolidation) Act, 1915, was The Tuberculosis Order of 1925, issued by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, providing for the slaughter of bovine animals affected with certain specified forms of Tuberculosis, and for the payment of compensation in respect of animals so slaughtered.

Another Order makes it illegal for anyone suffering from Respiratory Tuberculosis to have anything to do with the handling of milk, and empowers the M.O.H. to enforce the Order by legal methods after having failed to enforce the Order by means of persuasion.

The M.O.H. should take all the reasonable steps in his power to obtain satisfactory medical evidence as to the patient's condition where this Order is concerned, and it will be desirable to obtain a report by a pathologist as to the presence of tubercle bacilli in the patient's sputum and an examination of the patient by the Clinical Tuberculosis Officer of the County.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

Every year shows improvements in the Sanitary Condition of the area. In the towns and some rural or semi-rural places sewerage schemes have been carried out. East Dean and Gloucester Rural have regularly organised works for dealing with the sewage, at Soudley in the case of East Dean, and at Churchdown and Longford in that of Gloucester. Lydney has an efficient sewerage scheme discharging into the River Severn for the town. In the Rural Districts, the objectionable Privy Vaults for which the people have so strong a liking are being gradually replaced by septic tanks and filtration beds, or privy buckets. Water supply is carried out by the Municipalities of Lydney, East Dean, Newnham and Gloucester in certain parts of these districts, but there are still places where a public water supply could advantageously be installed at small outlay if only the people were less timid with respect to the initial outlay. Like other rural communities, the people are strongly opposed to change where it is a question of cost, and rather than incur expense they will in all weather fetch water in pails from a distance at great inconvenience and in certain instances drink water known to be polluted. Where polluted water is used for drinking purposes, apparently without serious detriment to health, an outbreak of water-borne disease will someday come as a rude awakening, and it will be grossly unfair if the M. O. H. is blamed for not having insisted on a water supply being installed. The long standing question of a water supply for Ruardean village has at length been settled as well as that of Ruardean Hill. In the case of Ruardean village a supply equal to 6 gallons per head per diem could be made available, but it is felt that any expenditure incurred for such an inadequate supply would not be allowed by the Ministry of Health, consequently an arrangement has now been come to by which East Dean water supply is extended to Ruardean village. The Chairman of East Dean R.D.C. (Mr Westaway) when discussing the matter

of a water supply held at a Parish Meeting at Ruardean on Saturday 31st October, 1925 said "that the water supply would necessitate what at first sight might appear a large increase in their rates but when the figures are analysed that which at first appearance seems to be a sum of 4/6 in the £ is really only 3/4 in the £, not an excessive amount for water. Take for example the case of a house rated at £6 a year the water rental would be £1 0s. 6d. With the 5% off, this was reduced to 19/6 and they would have their water for only a difference of 6d. plus the capital cost of 1/2. East Dean would have to pay a rate of 3/- in the £ for many years, so that the people of Ruardean would still be 1s. 10d. in the £ better off, and industrially and otherwise the conditions of the two districts were similar. They could not call a water rental a "rate" because they were getting something for it. When they came to average it, he did not think anybody could begrudge about 1d per head per day for water."

In the case of St. Briavels, the Vicarage, the Manse, (Congregational Minister's residence), two slaughter-houses, parochial school, and most of the private residences are without water, and water has to be fetched by hand, the few exceptions being some ten or twelve houses which in olden times were connected by pipes with the public well. It was proposed to connect the Vicarage with the public water supply where water at present is running to waste. But this was opposed on the ground that the waste water in the future would all be required when people realise the economic advantage of having a water supply in their own homes obtainable by turning on a tap. Further, the Crown Land Agent opposed the scheme for supplying water to one house and not having a supply "pro bono publico," on the ground that it was not advantageous to spend a large sum of money on laying on water to one house, when for a very little extra expenditure the whole community could enjoy the inestimable boon of water brought to their doors; and the scheme as proposed* would in times of drought be of no utility to the

* by the Church Council

Vicarage. The whole cost of a water scheme for St. Briavels Village could be defrayed by a water rental levied on the consumers. Owing to misunderstanding, the scheme was vigorously opposed at a largely attended Parish Meeting, principally composed of people living outside the proposed water supply area ; these came to protest against being called (as they had been led to suppose would be the case) to pay a rate from which they could not possibly derive any benefit.

Upton St. Leonards Parish is in a very similar state to that of St. Briavels Village, with the difference that whereas St. Briavels has a supply of pure water which is allowed to run to waste at Upton St. Leonards in the case of a number of houses there is no supply at all, and in the case of others the only water available is that obtained from an open ditch which receives the washings from the road. In both instances opposition has arisen through a dread of having to pay more in rates. These instances in West Gloucestershire are not singular, as shown by the case of Fordham in Cambridgeshire and other places, where it was freely admitted by most people that a water supply is needed for the sake of convenience, whereas the danger of drinking polluted water is not viewed with alarm in view of the fact that no serious outbreaks of water-borne disease have occurred in the past, or if they did they were not recognised as such.

Rubbish Dumps, Refuse not only belonging to the District, but in the case of Gloucester Rural District brought into the District from places beyond it, is dumped down in waste places, and the only attempt at disposing of it is by lighting fires. These refuse tips affording food for flies and rats give off such noxious smells that those living anywhere near are afraid to open their windows. The system of burying where proper destruction in incinerators is impracticable should be adopted. In the case of large towns, destructors if properly managed not only afford a hygienic method of disposing of house refuse but also provide material for road making, which is of great utility.

HOUSES BUILT DURING YEAR

	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925
East Dean	0	0	*9	23	32
Gloucester	37	36	28	28	99
Lydney	8	34	15	35	55
Awre	0	2	1	0	1
Newnham	1	0	0	2	0
Westbury	1	0	1	1	1
Total for West Gloucestershire ..	47	72	54	89	188

* Also 10 of wood or other composite materials.

HOUSING. Great advances have been made during the past year in the housing conditions of the District, as will be seen on reference to the table showing the number of houses built partly by private enterprise and partly under Municipal Schemes, Gloucester and Lydney Rural Districts having been specially enterprising in these respects. The growth of buildings constructed of perishable materials, calculated to last at most 15 to 20 years is to be deplored. Still even a "Bungalette," as the House Agents describe some of these dwellings, is preferable to an overcrowded tenement.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD has been systematically carried out throughout the district. When the new regulations with regard to preservatives come into full force the need for Cold Storage will become evident. It is satisfactory to see that the need for Cold Storage Establishments has been realised and in various parts of the country these are being erected. A large building at Ruardean formerly a brewery, is now in process of transformation to a cold storage with the most up-to-date cooling and refrigerating appliances.

The Public Health (Meat) Regulations, 1924 which came into force on the 1st April should do a great deal to prevent the spread of diseases amongst cattle, and at the

same time protect the meat supply of the public. The circular issued by the Ministry of Health quotes paragraph 159 of the Report of the Departmental Committee on Foot and Mouth Disease of 1922, which is in the following terms :—

“ The use of private slaughter-houses (especially those attached to farms or dairies) has been responsible for the spread of disease in many districts. . . Further, the use of such slaughter-houses facilitates concealment of disease and involves great risk of its spread, but while it may not be practicable entirely to prohibit the use of private slaughter-houses we strongly urge that sanitary authorities should in the public interest refrain from licensing premises which are not so constructed as to permit of their effective disinfection.”

The most important clause in the new Order is the one which ensures that the provisions of the Public Health Acts relating to the regulation of slaughter-houses shall be in force throughout all Rural Districts. This is effected by means of the Rural District Councils (Slaughter-houses) Order, 1924.

It is satisfactory to note that Humane Slaughtering is gradually being adopted throughout the area. It has been made compulsory in two of the Rural Districts in West Gloucestershire, *viz.* :—Gloucester and Lydney, and the more enlightened amongst the butchers in the remainder of the area are voluntarily adopting humane killing. If the public would insist on their butchers employing humane methods the butchers would all adopt them.

The whole subject of Meat Inspection and Humane Slaughtering is distasteful to some sensitive people who boast that they would not willingly kill a fly. These people rather than face the question or do anything to improve our meat supply or do away with unnecessary suffering prefer to leave the subject severely alone. In one instance, I thought that this policy of “ *Laissez faire* ” might be

attributable to vegetarianism, but found on inquiry that it was not, and that the person concerned resented most strongly being even suspected of belonging to a class of cranks or persons which he considered mentally deficient.

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS DISEASES. There was a noticeable reduction in the amount of Infectious Disease, particularly those included under the term "Zymotic" Diseases, as will be seen by reference to the table given.

	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925
Smallpox	—	—	216	119	—
Scarlet Fever ..	40	90	187	105	82
Diphtheria	20	44	41	69	33
Enteric	8	8	47	18	19
Puerperal Fever ..	2	1	1	1	4
Erysipelas	9	12	5	4	10
Measles	2	3	166	234	46

HOSPITAL ACCOMMODATION This has been given under each particular District and the only alteration which has taken place is that Lydney, West Dean and Coleford are merged in the North West Gloucestershire Smallpox Hospital District and another Smallpox Hospital District has been formed for the N.E. of the County with a hospital near Cheltenham. Gloucester Rural District remains as before associated with Gloucester City for ordinary Infectious Diseases and Smallpox.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE. Maternity and Child Welfare is everywhere receiving more attention, but nowhere has it been dealt with more thoroughly than in Cinderford, where for the past eleven years the Infant Welfare centre has flourished under the superintendence of Dr. Rigden, who, I regret to say, is leaving the district, and in this his last report he draws attention to the importance of starting an ante-natal branch.

BIRTHS AND DEATHS : —The facts with regard to these matters are given in Tabular Form and as it is important to reduce the size of the Report I must request everyone who reads this report to study these figures which will thus obviate the need for comment from me.

LIST OF SCHOOLS CLOSED ON ACCOUNT OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES IN 1925., It will be noticed that the number of Schools closed in 1925 is remarkably small, this does not mean that the need for closure did not arise, but merely that the procedure laid down in the Circular letter (No 331) of the Secretary for Education dated 25.1.1925 were strictly observed. During epidemics of infectious disease the advisability of allowing schools in Rural areas to remain unclosed is open to question. It must often happen in rural areas that if the school is closed, the chief if not the only opportunity for meeting is cut off for the majority of the children who live far apart in a scattered district. In a town or district where the population is denser this is different and the Board of Education Rule excellent. Throughout 1925 frequent complaints were made respecting the non-closure of schools.

LIST OF SCHOOLS CLOSED ON ACCOUNT OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES IN 1925.

AWRE URBAN DISTRICT.		1925
SCHOOL	DISEASE	DATES
	Nil.	
WESTBURY-ON-SEVERN URBAN DISTRICT.		
	Nil.	
NEWNHAM-ON-SEVERN URBAN DISTRICT.		
	Nil.	
EAST DEAN RURAL DISTRICT.		
	Nil	
GLOUCESTER RURAL DISTRICT.		
Matson C. of E.	 Mumps	.. 9th Jan. to 30th Jan.
LYDNEY RURAL DISTRICT.		
	Nil	

RAINFALL FOR THE FOREST STATIONS FOR THE YEAR 1925

	St. Briavels	White- mead	Worcester	Mailscot	Blakeney	Ruardean Hill	Edgehills	Average Rainfall, St. Briavels, 1921—1925 inclusive	Average Rainfall for Forest of Dean 1914—1924
January ..	4.62	3.47	2.20	2.78	3.13	2.91	3.10		
February ..	5.57	4.47	4.52	4.96	4.23	4.49	4.33		
March ..	0.55	.45	.75	.55	.63	.75	.57		
April ..	2.47	1.68	2.04	1.83	1.43	2.34	2.18		
May ..	5.04	3.99	4.60	3.14	3.55	4.20	4.20		
June ..	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	.03	Nil	.01		
July ..	3.17	2.55	2.97	2.77	2.25	2.76	2.83		
August ..	4.78	3.55	4.07	3.55	3.26	3.52	3.34		
September ..	5.43	3.00	4.07	2.34	4.27	4.33	4.74		
October ..	5.29	4.08	3.65	2.52	3.98	3.94	3.73		
November ..	2.64	2.12	2.38	1.97	1.40	2.49	2.30		
December ..	4.03	3.66	3.43	4.06	2.97	3.68	3.78		
Totals ..	43.62	33.02	34.68	30.47	31.13	35.41	35.11	43.77 ins.	36.23 ins.

In 1924 the Rainfall recorded at St. Briavels was 9.78 inches more than that of Whitemead.

„ 1925 „ „ „ 10.60 „ „ „ „

RAINFALL, 1925

RAINFALL, 1925				Greatest fall in 24 hours	No. of days with 0.01" or more	Mean Monthly Temperature
				ins.		
January	..	..	..	1.84	20	39.5
February	..	..	..	1.12	22	39.5
March	..	..	..	0.13	8	40.35
April	..	..	..	0.79	16	45.8
May	..	..	..	0.55	21	52.95
June	..	..	..	Nil	Nil	63.5
July	..	..	..	0.66	15	61.8
August	..	..	..	1.18	17	59.3
September	..	..	..	2.04	15	52.4
October	..	..	..	1.52	15	50.59
November	..	..	..	0.83	9	37.88
December	..	..	..	0.75	21	37.34

The meteorological year was characterised by two outstanding events — Heavy Snow in April and a Sunshine Record in June.

I am indebted to Mr D. W. Young, Deputy Surveyor for the Royal Forest of Dean, for the Rainfall Statistics, etc.

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EAST DEAN & UNITED PARISHES RURAL DISTRICT

Composition of District: The *Township* of East Dean, comprising the Blakeney Hill, Cinderford, Drybrook, Joy's Green, Plump, Pope's Hill and Ruspidge Wards ; and the *Civil Parishes* of Abenhall, Blaisdon, Bulley, Churcham, Flaxley, Huntley, Littledean, Longhope, Minsterworth, Mitcheldean, and Ruardean

1.—GENERAL STATISTICS—Area (Acres), 28,626.

Population (1921), 20,486 ; at end of 1925, 21,450.

Number of Inhabited Houses (1921), 4620.

Number of families or separate occupiers, 1921 : 4759.

Rateable Value, £52,238.

Sum represented by a penny rate : for East Dean with outlying Parishes, £201 0 0.

2.—EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR—

		Total	M	F	
Births	{ Legitimate	452	.. 231	.. 221	Birth-rate 22·05
473	{ Illegitimate	21	.. 6	.. 15	(R.G.)
Deaths	.. ..	260	.. 150	.. 110	Death-rate 12·12
					(R.G.)

Deaths of infants under 1 year per 1000 births—63·4

Legitimate	57·06	} Total 63·4.
Illegitimate	6·34	

Deaths from Measles (all ages)	.. ..	0
„ Whooping Cough (all ages)	..	2
„ Diarrhoea (under 2 years)	..	1

3.—NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR—

Disease	Total Cases Notified	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Diphtheria	19	19	0
Scarlet Fever	42	40	0
Enteric Fever (including Paratyphoid)	2	1	0
Puerperal Fever	2	0	1
Pneumonia	24	0	16
Other diseases generally notifiable. Enceph. Lethargica	0	0	1
Tuberculosis :—			
(a) Pulmonary	M 10 F 12 Total 22	M 10 F 7 Total 17	M 4 F 8 Total 12
(b) Non-Pulmonary	M 1 F 2 Total 3	M 1 F 4 Total 5	M 0 F 1 Total 1
Ophthalmia Neonatorum ..	Notified. 1	Treated at home. 1	Treated in hospital. 0
			Vision Unpaired. 1

4.—SICKNESS DURING YEAR—

Measles during the latter part of the year.

5.—Hospitals and other Institutions available for the District :

(a) Hospitals provided or subsidised by the Local Authority or by the County Council :

(1) Tuberculosis :

Standish House, Beds for Males	73	} 177
„ „ Females	26	
„ „ Children	78	

(2) Maternity. No. of Beds :

Gloucester D.N.A., 4 beds.

Cheltenham D.N.A., 4 beds

(3) Children. No. of Beds. None.

(4) Fever. No. of Beds: 40, 6 cots and 6 for staff.
Total 52.(5) Smallpox. No. of Beds: 50 and 5 for staff.
Total 55.(b) Ambulance Facilities { (a) for infectious cases. Two Motors,
one for Smallpox.
(b) for non-infectious cases.

THE EAST DEAN AND UNITED PARISHES RURAL DISTRICT
URBAN POWERS ORDER, 1925.

(This Order came into operation 1st June, 1925).

EPITOME OF THE URBAN POWERS GRANTED BY THE ORDERS.
AS TO THE WHOLE OF THE DISTRICT AND UNITED PARISHES.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS, 1875—

Sections 149 and 160.

TOWNS IMPROVEMENTS CLAUSES ACT, 1847—

Sections 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76,
77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82 and 83.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS, 1875—

Section 171.

TOWNS POLICE CLAUSES ACT, 1847—

Sections 21, 28, 29, 30, and 31.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1890.

Sections 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28,
32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 47, 48, 49, Part 4.

In the contributory places of Abenhall, Churcham,
East Dean, Huntley, Littledean, Longhope, Mintersworth,
Mitcheldean and Ruardean.

(a) THE TOWN POLICE CLAUSES ACT, 1847.

(b) THE TOWN POLICE CLAUSES ACT, 1889

(c) PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1875—

Section 171.

In the contributory places of East Dean and Mitcheldean.

THE PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1875—

Sections 42, 44 and 157.

As to the contributory place of East Dean.

THE PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1875—

Sections 39, 150, 151 and 165.

THE PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS AMENDMENT ACT, 1890—

Sections 20, 41 and 43.

In the contributory place of Ruardean.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1875—

Section 172.

NOTE.—This section applies to that portion of the River
Wye which is in the parish of Ruardean.

CINDERFORD MOTHERS' CLUB AND BABIES' WELCOME

ELEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT

BY DR. G. F. RIGDEN, M.C., MEDICAL OFFICER.

STATISTICAL TABLE

Year	Number of Openings	Total of Attendances	Average Attendance per Session	Maximum Attendance at any one Session	New Names added to Register during year	Value in pounds of Goods supplied		Notes
						Dried Milk, &c.	Wool, etc.	
1915	25	390	16	29	82	—	—	Opened in June.
1916	45	919	20	—	92	—	—	Health Visitor appointed.
1917	43	739	17	—	74	—	—	
1918	—	—	—	—	87	73	—	Year ending Mar. 31, 1919
1919	45	1125	25	—	102	100	50	
1920	47	1347	29	67	162	232	100	Moved to larger premises.
1921	46	1698	37	71	155	323	108	
1922	51	1499	29	68	139	179	47	
1923	51	1838	36	75	136	170	50	
1924	51	1856	36	75	194	172	44	
1925	52	1553	29	51	189	175	30	

There have been no fresh developments during the past year, the existing work having been well maintained as shown by the tabulated figures.

The immediate future holds out more possibilities than the immediate past as I understand that there is a movement to terminate the rather unusual system by which the District Council and the County Council share the responsibility for Maternity and Child Welfare in this rural district. In this connection it is very gratifying to me to note that the District Council make it a first consideration before handing over full control to the County that the work of our Infant Welfare Centre shall continue unimpaired.

At the moment of writing negotiations are still in progress and the future is uncertain. I hope however,

that, if changes are made, the opportunity will be taken to start an Ante-Natal Branch for which I think, public opinion is now ready. I have referred to the desirability of this in several previous reports and the value of ante-natal work is generally recognised by those interested in Infant Welfare. The difficulty has been to convert the general public ; and more especially that part of the general public for whom mainly the clinic exists, as in private practice one finds increasingly that patients not only tolerate but demand ante-natal care. Now that the great bulk of the Maternity work, at any rate in Cinderford, is done by qualified midwives, themselves educated to the value of ante-natal work and possessing such great influence over their patients, I think the old difficulty of persuading expectant mothers to attend will be found to have disappeared; and for this reason, as well as for the fact that the whole situation is now under review, I consider that the present is an ideal time for embarking on this new undertaking

As I am leaving Cinderford this year, this will be my last Report. I have watched with the greatest interest the work of the Centre and done my best to guide it from its first halting footsteps as a voluntary effort to the established position which it occupies to-day ; I trust I have taught the mothers something and I know they have taught me much. I have been fortunate throughout in having a loyal and enthusiastic body of voluntary lady helpers ; whatever we may have accomplished, and I think we have some justification for pride in our work, has been accomplished by unselfish team work. There are, I am sure, equally bright times for the future.

G. F. RIGDEN, M.B., B.S. (Lond.)

“ LISSANOURE,”

CINDERFORD,

March 3rd, 1926

HEALTH VISITORS' REPORTS IN EAST DEAN IN 1924—
Miss Somerfield paid, first visits, 253 ; second visits, 3836 ;
total visits, 4089.

MORTALITY AT ALL AGES, in or belonging to the whole District, at subjoined ages, 1925.

Deaths in or belonging to whole District at subjoined Ages													
CAUSES OF DEATH	At all ages		Under 1 year	1 and under 2	2 and under 5	5 and under 15	15 and under 25	25 and under 45	45 and under 65	65 and upwards	M	F	
	M	F											
Scarlet Fever ..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0	0..	0..	TOTAL IN EAST DEAN
Whooping Cough ..	2..	0..	1..	1..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0	0..	0..	Blakeney Hill Ward
Diphtheria ..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0	0..	0..	Plump Hill Ward
Influenza ..	2..	2..	4..	1..	0..	1..	0..	0..	0..	1	0..	0..	Pope's Hill Ward
Encephalitis Lethargica	0..	1..	1..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0	0..	0..	Rusbridge Ward
Meningococcal Meningitis	1..	0..	1..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	1	0..	0..	Joy's Green Ward
Tuberculosis of													Drybrook Ward
Respiratory System ..	4..	8..	12..	1..	0..	1..	2..	0..	5..	3..	3..	3..	Cinderford Ward
Other Tuberc. Diseases	0..	1..	1..	0..	0..	0..	1..	0..	0..	0	0..	1..	
Cancer, Malignant Dis.	22..	11..	33..	0..	0..	0..	0..	3..	11..	19	15..	6..	
Rheumatic Fever ..	0..	2..	2..	0..	0..	0..	0..	2..	0..	0	1..	0..	
Diabetes ..	2..	0..	2..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	2	2..	0..	
Cerebral Hemorrhage	7..	12..	19..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	3..	16	3..	3..	
Heart Disease ..	21..	15..	36..	0..	0..	1..	1..	0..	7..	27	16..	3..	
Arterio-Sclerosis ..	5..	3..	8..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	3..	5	0..	1..	
Bronchitis ..	14..	9..	23..	3..	1..	0..	0..	1..	5..	13	6..	2..	
Pneumonia (all forms)	10..	8..	18..	4..	2..	0..	1..	1..	3..	2..	6..	4..	
Other Respiratory Dis...	5..	1..	6..	0..	0..	0..	0..	1..	1..	3	3..	0..	
Diarrhoea &c. (under 2 years)	0..	1..	1..	0..	1..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0	0..	0..	
Appendicitis ..	3..	1..	4..	0..	0..	0..	0..	2..	1..	1	2..	0..	
Nephritis ..	5..	2..	7..	0..	0..	0..	0..	1..	3..	2	2..	1..	
Puerperal Sepsis ..	0..	1..	1..	0..	0..	0..	0..	1..	0..	0	1..	0..	
Other Accidents and Diseases of Pregnancy and Parturition	0..	1..	1..	0..	0..	0..	0..	1..	0..	0	1..	0..	
Congenital Debility, Malformation, Premature Birth ..	9..	3..	12..	12..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0	3..	2..	
Suicide ..	2..	1..	3..	0..	0..	0..	0..	1..	1..	1	2..	0..	
Other Deaths from													
Violence ..	6..	4..	10..	2..	0..	1..	0..	2..	0..	3	5..	0..	
Other Defined Diseases	29..	22..	51..	5..	0..	1..	3..	1..	2..	4..	19..	4..	
Causes ill-defined or unknown ..	1..	1..	2..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	2	0..	0..	
Totals ..	150..	110..	260..	30..	5..	4..	8..	7..	24..	47..	93..	32..	
	150..	110..	260..	30..	5..	4..	8..	7..	24..	47..	135	17..	180

INFANT MORTALITY.

CAUSES OF DEATH	M.	F.	Under 1 week					Total under 1 month	1 and under 12 months					Total under 1 year	Total in East Dean										
			1 week	1 week and under 2	2 and under 3 weeks	3 and under 4 weeks	1 month		1 and under 3 months	3 and under 6 months	6 and under 9 months	9 and under 12 months	Cinderford		Drybrook	Ruspridge	Joy's Green	Blakey Hill	Plump Hill	Pope's Hill	Ruardean	Mitcheldean	Blaisdon	Littledean	Churcham	Longhope
Whooping-Cough	1	0	0..	0..	0..	0	0	0	0..	0..	1..	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	
Influenza	0	1	0..	0..	0..	0	0	0	0..	1..	0..	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Meningococcal Meningitis	1	0	0..	0..	0..	0	0	0	1..	0..	0..	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	0	1	0..	0..	0..	0	0	0	0..	0..	0..	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Bronchitis	2	1	0..	0..	1..	0	1	1	0..	1..	1..	0	3	3	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	
Pneumonia	3	1	0..	0..	0..	0	0	0	0..	1..	1..	2	4	4	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Congenital Debility																									
Malformations, Premature Birth	9	3	8..	2..	1..	1	12	12	0..	0..	0..	0	12	12	3	2	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	
Violence	1	1	1..	0..	0..	0	1	1	0..	0..	0..	1	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	
Other Defined Diseases	5	0	0..	1..	0..	1	2	2	1..	0..	1..	1	5	5	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	
Totals	22	8	9..	3..	2..	2	16	16	2..	3..	4..	5	30	30	5	7	3	1	3	2	23	2	1	1	1

Nett Births in the year { Legitimate 452 } Total 473
{ Illegitimate 21 }

Nett Deaths in the year { Legitimate 57.06 } Total 6.34
{ Illegitimate 6.34 }

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Diseases	M		F		At all ages										Cases and Localities										Removed to Hospital		
	Under 1 year	1 and under 5	5 and under 15	15 and under 25	25 and under 45	45 and under 65	65 and upwards	Cinderford Ward	Drybrook Ward	Joy's Green Ward	Ruspidge Ward	Pope's Hill Ward	Plump Hill Ward	Blakeney Hill Ward	Total in East Dean	Ruardean Parish	Longhope Parish	Mitcheldean Parish	Huntley Parish	Minsterworth Parish	Churcham Parish	Littledean Parish	Blaisdon Parish	Abenhall Parish		Dilke Hospital	
Measles ..	1..	9..	28..	5..	3..	0..	0	36..	0..	0..	7..	0..	0..	0..	43..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	3..	0..	0..	0..	0..	
Scarlet Fever ..	0..	9..	29..	4..	0..	0..	0	14..	8..	1..	2..	0..	0..	6..	31..	6..	0..	0..	0..	5..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	40	
Diphtheria ..	0..	2..	11..	3..	1..	2..	0	5..	3..	4..	1..	0..	0..	2..	15..	3..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	1..	0..	0..	0..	19	
Enteric ..	0..	0..	0..	2..	0..	0..	0	2..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	2..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	1	
Pulm. Tuberculosis ..	0..	1..	1..	6..	11..	3..	0	6..	7..	0..	1..	2..	0..	1..	17..	0..	1..	1..	2..	0..	0..	1..	0..	0..	0..	10	
Non-Resp. Tuber. ..	0..	0..	2..	0..	0..	1..	0	1..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	1..	1..	1..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	1	
Pneumonia ..	3..	5..	5..	0..	6..	3..	2	5..	7..	1..	4..	1..	0..	1..	19..	0..	0..	4..	0..	0..	0..	1..	0..	0..	0..	0	
Erysipelas ..	0..	1..	0..	0..	2..	1..	0	2..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	2..	2..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0	
Puerperal ..	0..	0..	0..	1..	1..	0..	0	1..	1..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	2..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	2	
Septicæmia ..	0..	0..	0..	0..	1..	0..	0	1..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	2..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	2	
Dysentery ..	0..	0..	0..	0..	1..	0..	0	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	1..	1..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0	
Chickenpox ..	2..	10..	25..	2..	1..	0..	0	13..	2..	5..	8..	0..	0..	4..	32..	3..	2..	0..	0..	0..	0..	3..	0..	0..	0..	0	
Ophthalmia ..	1..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	1..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0	
Neonatorum ..	1..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	1..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0	
Totals ..	112..	94..	206..	7..	37..	101..	23..	26..	10..	2	85..	28..	11..	23..	3..	0..	15..	165..	15..	5..	5..	2..	5..	1..	8..	0..	73

SURVEYOR'S REPORT

SUMMARY OF WORK FOR 1925.

WATER SUPPLY—EAST DEAN.—The trunk mains laid in the south part of the district were completed at the end of 1924 and made available for the laying of small service mains and the connection of house services in 1925. The whole of the district of East Dean extending from the bottom of Ruspidge to the boundary of the Township at Viney Hill is now supplied from the Littledean Hill Reservoir at Cinderford, into which Reservoir the water is pumped from the source of supply at Greenbottom. The Blakeney Hill source is now superseded by the Greenbottom supply and the whole area of the Township of East Dean is or can be supplied from the centralised source at Greenbottom.

During the year the extension of the water mains in the Plump Hill district of East Dean has been completed and good progress made with the attachment of house services

At the commencement of 1923 and previous to the trunk main extensions in the NW, S, and NE parts of East Dean, the number of houses supplied for domestic purposes was 2,300 together with 33 meter supplies for public or trade purposes.

Since the trunk main extensions in 1923 the following house services have been attached to the mains : —

Ruardean Hill and Joys Green, N.W.	373
Plump Hill, N.E.	80
Soudley, Brains Green and Viney Hill, S.	94
New House Services in Cinderford and district	71
	618

The total number of houses now supplied with water for domestic purposes in the Township of East Dean from the Greenbottom source is 2918 embracing a population of say, 13,130.

Applications for house service supplies are still coming in and I do not think the time is far distant when the whole of the Township may be supplied.

DRAINAGE.

Efforts have been concentrated on the work of water extensions and there has been no extension of the sewers during the past year, but where possible all new houses have been connected with the existing public sewers.

The work of sewage disposal has proceeded without complaint or unexpected trouble.

SCAVENGING & STREET CLEANING.

This work has been regularly and carefully performed during the year and there seems to have been no complaint of the accumulation of offensive refuse on private premises in those portions of the district within the scavenging area.

Considerable trouble and annoyance is caused to the owners of property near the refuse tips by the scattering of waste paper during windy weather. This waste paper comes chiefly from the premises of tradespeople. Burning is the only remedy at the tips—it is a pity the tradespeople do not obviate the necessity of collecting this waste paper by burning it themselves.

HOUSING

No houses were built by the Council during 1925 but private enterprise in view of the prevailing high cost of labour and materials did very well.

The following list gives proposals submitted, the work completed and the work still in hand or meditated.

Plans of subsidy houses submitted and approved						21
Completed during the year	..	..	13			
Still in course of construction	..	..	7			
Not commenced	..	..	1			
						— —
						21 21

No. of subsidy houses commenced in 1924 and completed in 1925	7
Plans submitted for non-subsidy houses in 1925	10
Completed during the year	8
Still in course of construction	1
Not commenced	1
	— —
	10 10
No. of non-subsidy houses commenced in 1924 and completed in 1925 ..	4
Alterations, additions, and improvement to existing houses	9

It will be observed from these particulars that during 1925—32 houses were made available for occupation and that 9 houses were enlarged or improved.

WM. WHITEHOUSE,
Surveyor.

Report of MR A. W. COLLINSON, Sanitary Inspector.

HOUSING :

Number of new houses erected during the year :—	
(a) Total	32
(b) As part of a municipal housing scheme ..	0
Houses inspected	1025
Houses inspected under Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations, 1910	203
Houses unfit for habitation	3
Houses found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for habitation.. .. .	3
Houses rendered fit	1
(a) Under Sec. 28, Housing, Town Planning Act, 1910—	
Houses for which notices were served ..	1
No. rendered fit (by owner)	1
(b) Under other Public Health Acts	
Notices served	49
No. remedied (by owner)	44
(c) Under Secs. 17 & 18 Housing, Town Planning Act, 1909	
Representations to District Council ..	3
Closing Orders	3
No. rendered fit	1

WATER SUPPLY :

(a) Is there deficiency in any part, if so, what part or parts ? Wigpool	} Vide Report of Surveyor
(b) Has there been any change in the existing sources of supply ?	
(c) Has any application for a Loan been made ?	
(1) Amount	
(2) Purpose	
(d) Number of new connections with public supply	}
(e) Number of wells sunk, or improved sources of supply provided	

SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE.

(a) In what parishes, if any, is there need for a Sewerage system : Drybrook, Ruardean, Mitcheldean	
(d) W.C.'s newly supplied with flushing cisterns..	19
(e) Number of earth closets, pail closets, or improved privies constructed	15
(f) Number of notices served to empty " Privy Vaults "	15
(g) Number of privy vaults abolished	17

NUMBERS INSPECTED OF EACH OF THE FOLLOWING :

	No. on Register	No. Inspected	Total No. of Inspections
Common Lodging houses	1	1	2
Slaughter-houses	16	16	479
Bakehouses	19	19	46
Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops 103	98	117	
Workshops	20	18	18

GENERAL :

Complaints received	..	..	..	..	40
Nuisances reported to District Council	..	..	..	..	78
Swine	..	..	..	..	3
Preliminary notices served	..	..	..	..	85
Statutory notices served	..	..	..	..	70
Summonses	..	..	..	..	1
Convictions	..	..	..	..	1
Disinfected	..	..	..	..	64

Methods of Disinfection used—Formalin Spray and
Fumigation.

Signed A. W. COLLINSON,

Sanitary Inspector.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Medical Officer of Health for the Year 1925,

FOR THE

RURAL DISTRICT OF EAST DEAN AND UNITED PARISHES

(Form 572. Nov., 1925)

On the administration of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901, in
connection with FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS AND WORKPLACES.

1.—INSPECTION OF FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS AND WORKPLACES.

(Including Inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors or Inspectors of Nuisances).

Premises	No. of Inspec- tions	No. of Written Notices	No. of Prose- cutions
Factories (including Factory Laundries) ..	2 ..	0 ..	0
Workshops (including Workshop Laundries)	65 ..	0 ..	0
Workplaces (other than Outworkers' premises)	2 ..	0 ..	0
Total	69	0	0

2.—DEFECTS FOUND IN FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS AND WORKPLACES.

*Nuisances under the Public Health Acts :—**

Particulars	No. of Defects			No. of prose- cutions
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness.. ..	0 ..	0 ..	0 ..	0
Want of ventilation	0 ..	0 ..	0 ..	0
Overcrowding	0 ..	0 ..	0 ..	0
Want of drainage of floors..	1 ..	1 ..	0 ..	0
Other nuisances	2 ..	2 ..	0 ..	0
Sanitary accommodation :—				
Insufficient	0 ..	0 ..	0 ..	0
Unsuitable or defective ..	0 ..	0 ..	0 ..	0
Not separate for sexes ..	0 ..	0 ..	0 ..	0

Offences under the Factory and Workshops Acts :—

Illegal occupation of underground bakehouse (s. 101)	0 ..	0 ..	0 ..	0
Other offences	0 ..	0 ..	0 ..	0

(Excluding offences relating to out-
work and offences under the
Sections mentioned in the Sched-
ule to the Ministry of Health
(Factories and Workshops Trans-
fer of Powers) Order, 1921).

Total	3	3	0	0
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* Including those specified in sections 2, 3, 7 and 8 of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901, as remediable under the Public Health Acts.

GLOUCESTER RURAL DISTRICT

Composition of District : Parishes of Highnam, Lassington, Maisemore, Ashleworth, Sandhurst, Norton, Down Hatherley, Churchdown, Barnwood, Hempsted, Matson, Upton St. Leonards, Prinknash, Brockworth, Whaddon, Quedgeley, Twigworth, Tuffley, Hucclecote, Elmore, Wotton St. Mary (Without) and Wotton Vill.

1.—GENERAL STATISTICS—Area (Acres) 30,680.

Population (1921), 13,113; in 1925, 13,270.

Number of inhabited houses (1921), 2735.

Number of families or separate occupiers (1921), 2829.

Rateable Value, £127,814. Assessable Value £93,010.

Sum represented by a penny rate, £387 10s. 10d.

2.—EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR—

		Total	M	F	
Births	Legitimate	188 ..	100 ..	88	Birth-rate 14·01 (R.G.)
	Illegitimate	4 ..	2 ..	2	
Deaths ..	..	165 ..	66 ..	59	Death-rate 12·4 (R.G.)

Deaths of Infants under one year per 1000 births—

Legitimate	62·5	} Total 62·5.
Illegitimate	0	

Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages), 1.

3.—NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR

Disease	Total Cases Notified	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Diphtheria	4	3	0
Scarlet Fever	18	3	0
Enteric Fever (including Paratyphoid)	15	1	0
Puerperal Fever	1	0	0
Pneumonia	4	0	5
Encephalitis Lethargica	1	0	0
Erysipelas	4	0	0
Whooping Cough	3	0	0
Tuberculosis :—			
(a) Pulmonary	M 9 F 7 Total 16	M 0 F 0 0	M 5 F 7 10
(b) Non-Pulmonary	M 4 F 3 Total 7	M 0 F 0 0	M 2 F 1 3

4.—SICKNESS DURING YEAR—

Measles was prevalent during the latter part of the year.

5.—Hospitals and other Institutions available for District :

(a) Hospitals provided or subsidised by the Local Authority or by the County Council :

(1) Tuberculosis. No. of Beds :

Standish House, Beds for Males	73	} 177
„ „ Females	26	
„ „ Children	78	
Over	24	
Cashes Green	12	
Cheltenham G.H.	10	

(2) Maternity. No. of Beds : 8.

(3) Children. No. of Beds : None.

(4) Fever. No. of Beds : 48.

(5) Smallpox. No. of Beds : As required at City Smallpox Hospital.

(6) Other. No. of Beds : As required.

(b) Ambulance { (a) for infectious cases. One Motor.
Facilities { (b) for non-infectious cases. None.

6.—ADOPTIVE ACTS IN FORCE IN THE DISTRICT			Adopted
Infectious Diseases Prevention Act 1890	...		1891
Public Health Acts Amendment Act 1890 Part III.			1891

BYE-LAWS IN FORCE IN THE DISTRICT

Common Lodging Houses	... ..	1878
Prevention of Nuisances and Keeping of Animals		1878
Regulations under Dairies, etc., Orders	...	1916
New Streets and Buildings, for portions of District		1925
New Streets and Buildings, for whole of District		1925
New Bye-Laws with respect to Slaughter-houses		1925

MORTALITY AT ALL AGES

CAUSES OF DEATH		Deaths in or belonging to whole District at subjoined Ages																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																					
		M	F	At all ages	Under 1 year	1 and under 5	5 and under 15	15 and under 25	25 and under 45	45 and under 65	65 and upwards	Longford Parish	Maisemore "	Ashleworth "	Sandhurst "	Down Hatherley Parish	Churchdown Parish	Barnwood "	Upton St. Leonards Parish	Brockworth Parish	Quedgeley "	Huclecote "	Wotton (Without) Parish	Hempsted Parish	Norton Parish	Other Parishes	County Mental Hospital Wotton Vill	2nd County Mental Hospital, Barnwood	Hospital for Insane Barnwood	Children's Hos. Longford	Infectious Diseases Hospital, Over	Total Deaths in Institutions	Non-Residents dying in District	Residents dying out of District	Inquests																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																				
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INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Diseases	M F		Sent to Hospital	At all Ages								CASES AND LOCALITIES																			
	Under 1 year	1 and under 5		5 and under 15	15 and under 25	25 and under 45	45 and under 65	65 and upwards	Longford	Maiseenore	Longlevens	Sandhurst	Down Hatherley	Twigworth	Norton	Churchdown	Brockworth	Huclecote	Barnwood	Wotton Without	Upton St. Leonards	Tuffey	Whaddon	Elmore	Quedgeley	Lassington	Higbham	1st County Ment. Hosp. Wotton Vill	2nd County Ment. Hosp. Barnwood		
Enteric Fever	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	3	
Paratyphoid Fever	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	
Scarlet Fever	0	1	14	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	4	3	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Diphtheria	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Erysipelas	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Resp. Tuberculosis	0	0	0	0	0	7	6	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	4
Non-resp. Tuber.	1	1	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0
Pneumonia	0	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Enceph. Lethargica	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Puerperal Septicæmia	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chicken-pox	2	1	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	90	2	3	37	15	18	9	6	10	1	1	1	1	2	3	4	6	4	1	4	8	4	2	1	1	1	1	6	19	10	

* Sent to Gloucester R. Infirmary

INFANT MORTALITY

The following table shows the Infantile Mortality for 1925 :

CAUSES OF DEATH		M	F	Under 1 week	1 week and under 2 weeks	2 weeks and under 3 weeks	3 weeks and under 4 weeks	Total under 1 month	1- 3 months	3- 6 months	6- 9 months	9-12 months	Total under 1 year	Longford	Churchdown	Barnwood	Upton St. Leonards	Wotton Without	Over
Whooping Cough	..	1..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	1..	1..	0..	0..	0..	1..	0..	0..
Pneumonia	..	2..	1..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	1..	0..	2..	3..	0..	1..	0..	1..	1..	0..
Congenital Debility and Malformation,	}	2..	3..	5..	0..	0..	0..	5..	0..	0..	0..	0..	5..	1..	1..	2..	0..	0..	1..
Premature Birth																			
Other Defined Diseases		3..	0..	1..	0..	0..	0..	1..	1..	1..	0..	0..	3..	1..	0..	0..	1..	1..	0..
Totals	..	8..	4..	6..	0..	0..	0..	6..	1..	2..	0..	3..	12..	2..	2..	2..	3..	2..	1..

SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

NOTES AS TO WORKS OF SEWERING DONE 1925 AND 1926.

In February 1926 a sewer for the drainage of Oxstalls Lane, that portion of the Cheltenham Road between Elmbridge Road and Horsbere Brook, and the new By-pass road was commenced. This sewer starts from the main 15" sewer in the meadows and crosses Oxstalls Lane at its lowest point, thence proceeds across fields to the north end of Elmbridge Road, along the By-pass road to Horsbere Brook and back to King Edward Inn. This portion of the sewer is complete. About half of the sewer required in Oxstalls Road has been completed, the remainder will be finished during the month. A branch of the main sewer which will extend from Elmbridge Road to the King Edward Inn will be put in hand as soon as the Oxstalls Lane branch is finished. As house building was proceeding rapidly in Elmbridge Road it was decided to lay a branch sewer from the new main sewer to Elmbridge Field Farm, there to meet the summit of the existing sewer in Elmbridge Road which runs into the London Road sewer. This has been done. Some forty houses have already been connected with the new sewers.

Signed, W. FITZGERALD JONES

Surveyor

NORTH END SPECIAL DRAINAGE DISTRICT
(GLOUCESTER R.D.)

Area of District 4884 acres

Population $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1901 \quad 3434 \\ 1911 \text{ Census } 4627. \text{ Now (estimated) } 5156. \\ 1921 \quad 4956 \end{array} \right.$

Annual Assessable Value of the N.E.S.D.D. (for purposes of this application), £34,193.

Outstanding Loans £8185 } £8185 (in respect of the
Unexercised Sanctions } N.E.S.D.D.)

Margin of borrowing power remaining for purposes of this application, £60,201.

Total Debt for all purposes, £9,310 (in respect of the N.E.S.D.D.)

Present Application, £3,903.

Period asked for 30, years.

Overdrafts on Capital Account due to Council, £1,125 approximately.

Amount produced by a penny rate, £142 9s 5d.

Total rates in the £ in respect of N.E.S.D.D. Current year 1/1 ($\frac{1}{2}$ yr. 4/6).

Previous year 1924/5 1/2 (11/6)

Previous year 1923/4 1/3 (9/10).

Estimated increase due to proposals, 2½d.

Outstanding Debts on works to be superseded, £

Works commenced 5th February, 1925.

Payments made in anticipation of proposed loan, £1,125 approximately.

Payments included in closed and audited accounts, None.

Payments proposed to Salaried Officers or Permanent Workmen, £250.

Works outside District, None.

No Objections made

There was no opposition.

Report of MR G. H. RAWLING,
Sanitary Inspector.

HOUSING :

No. of new houses erected during the year :	
Total Plans passed	99
Houses inspected (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	107
Housing and Town Planning Act, 1909, Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations, 1910 ..	18
Houses unfit for habitation	2
Not in all respects reasonably unfit for habitation	25
Houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action	23
(b) Under Public Health Acts	
Houses for which notices were served ..	25
No. remedied	23
(c) Under Sec. 17 & 18 Housing, Town Planning Act, 1909	
Representations to District Council ..	1
Closing Orders	1

WATER SUPPLY :

Parishes in which there is a deficiency :	
Upton St. Leonards and Matson (parts of)	
Hempsted (parts of)	
New connections with Public Supply	70
Wells sunk or improved	7

SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE :

- In what Parishes (if any) is there need for
- (1) A sewerage system ?
 Tuffley, Hempsted and Quedgeley.
 - (2) Improvements in existing sewer ?
 Extension at Longford and North end of district.

Has any application for a Loan been made? Yes.

- (1) Amount, £5050.
- (2) Purpose, North end scheme.

Houses in District newly connected with sewers (Also Churchdown Schools)	70
W.C.'s newly supplied with flushing cisterns ..	15
Earth closets, pail closets or improved privies con- structed	4
Number of notices served to empty "Privy Vaults"	2
Privy vaults abolished	2

REFUSE DISPOSAL :

Wotton St. Mary (Without)	
Changes made in the disposal of refuse in 1925 ..	0

NUMBERS INSPECTED OF EACH OF THE FOLLOWING :

	No. on Register	No. Inspected	Total No. of Inspections
Slaughter-houses	13	13	117
Bakehouses	10	10	15
Dairies, cowsheds, milkshops ..	132	132	136
Workshops	18	18	18

Re-registration of Milksellers carried out under the
Milk and Dairies (Amendment) Act, 1922

GENERAL :

Complaints received	16
Number of nuisances reported to District Council	
(1) Total	27
(2) Swine.. ..	2
Nuisances abated	54
No. of Preliminary notices served ..	56
No. of Statutory notices served ..	17
No. of summonses taken out ..	0
No. of convictions	0
No. of houses disinfected	30
Methods of disinfection used — Formalin Lamps and Spray.	

UNSOOUND FOOD :

1 sheep, 1 heifer, 3 livers, and 568 lbs. of beef were con-
demned as unfit for human food.

Signed G. H. RAWLING, *Sanitary Inspector.*

ANNUAL REPORT

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Medical Officer of Health for the Year 1925,

FOR THE

RURAL DISTRICT OF GLOUCESTER

(Form 572. Nov., 1925)

On the administration of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901, in connection with FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS AND WORKPLACES.

1.—INSPECTION OF FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS AND WORKPLACES. (Including Inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors or Inspectors of Nuisances).

Premises	No. of Inspections	No. of Written Notices	No. of Prosecutions
Factories (including Factory Laundries) ..	36	0	0
Workshops (including Workshop Laundries) ..	54	0	0
Workplaces (other than Outworkers' premises) ..	18	0	0
Total	108	0	0

2.—DEFECTS FOUND IN FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS AND WORKPLACES. *Nuisances under the Public Health Acts :—**

Particulars	No. of Defects				No. of Prosecutions
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector		
Want of cleanliness	4	4	0	0	0
Want of ventilation	0	0	0	0	0
Overcrowding	0	0	0	0	0
Want of drainage of floors ..	0	0	0	0	0
Other nuisances	0	0	0	0	0
Sanitary accommodation :—					
Insufficient	0	0	0	0	0
Unsuitable or defective ..	1	1	0	0	0
Not separate for sexes ..	0	0	0	0	0

Offences under the Factory and Workshops Acts :—

Illegal occupation of underground bakehouse (s. 101)	0	0	0	0
Other offences	0	0	0	0

(Excluding offences relating to out-work and offences under the Sections mentioned in the Schedule to the Ministry of Health (Factories and Workshops Transfer of Powers) Order, 1921).

Total	5	5	0	0
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* Including those specified in sections 2, 3, 7 and 8 of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901, as remediable under the Public Health Acts.

LYDNEY RURAL DISTRICT

Composition of District: The Parishes of Lydney, Aylburton, Alvington, St. Briavels, Hewelsfield, Lancaut, Tidenham and Woolaston.

1.—GENERAL STATISTICS—Area (Acres) 24,554.

Population (1921), 9844; in 1925, 10,040.

Number of inhabited houses (1921), 2204.

Number of families or separate occupiers (1921), 2253.

Rateable Value, £62,952.

Sum represented by a penny rate, £262 6s.

2.—EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR—

		Total	M	F	
Births	Legitimate	175 ..	89 ..	86	Birth-rate 18·14
	Illegitimate	9 ..	4 ..	5	(R.G.)
Deaths	.. ..	117 ...	57 ..	60	Death-rate 11·53 (R.G.)

Deaths of Infants under one year per 1000 births—54·2

Legitimate 43·4
Illegitimate 10·8 } Total 54·2

222 illegitimate children died per 1000 illegitimate born, *i.e.* over 1·5.

3.—NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR—

Disease		Total Cases Notified	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Diphtheria .. ..	.. ..	1	0	0
Scarlet Fever .. ..	.. ..	18	13	0
Enteric Fever (including Paratyphoid) .. ..	.. ..	1	Beachley T. School	
Puerperal Fever .. ..	.. ..	1	2	0
Pneumonia .. ..	.. ..	10	0	0
Erysipelas .. ..	.. ..	1	0	0
A.P. Myelitis .. ..	.. ..	1	0	0
Chicken Pox .. ..	.. ..	6	0	0
Tuberculosis :—				
(a) Pulmonary	M 5 F 4 Total 9	.. .. ..	M 3 F 1 4	M 5 F 5 10
(b) Non-Pulmonary	M 0 F 0 Total 0	.. .. ..	M 0 F 0 0	M 0 F 1 1
Ophthalmia Neonatorum ..	Notified.	Treated at home	Treated in hospital.	Vision Unimpaired.
	1	1	0	1

4.—SICKNESS DURING YEAR—

Nothing special.

5.—Hospitals and other Institutions available for the District :

(a) Hospitals provided or subsidised by the Local Authority or by the County Council :

(1) Tuberculosis :

Standish House, Beds for Males	73	} 177
„ „ Females	26	
„ „ Children	78	

12 Cashes Green (advanced females).

24 Over Infectious Diseases (advanced).

15 Alexandra Home (Children's).

10 Cheltenham General (surgical).

(2) Maternity. No. of Beds : 8.

Gloucester D.N.A., 4 beds	} As required.
Cheltenham D.N.A., 4 beds.	

(3) Children. No. of Beds : None.

(4) Fever. No. of Beds : 16

I.D. Hospital, Alvington.

(5) Smallpox. Special arrangements as required.

(6) Other. General Hospital, Lydney Cottage Hospital
Supported by Voluntary Aid.

(b) Ambulance	{	(a) for infect. cases. Horse driven r.t.
Facilities		(b) for non-infectious and accident cases. Motor Ambulance.

(6) List of Adoptive Acts, Bye-Laws and Local Regulations relating to the Public Health.

(6) *Public Health Staff.*

(1) M.O.H., Surg : Captain O. W. ANDREWS, C.B.E., R.N.

(2) Sanitary Inspector, Mr G. J. ELLIOTT,
M.R.S.I., M.Inst. M.S.E.

Assist. ditto, Mr G. J. ELLIOTT, Junr. Student.

7.—PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1875

Sections in force in the following Parishes :—

LYDNEY DISTRICT				SUBJECT
Whole District	..	157 and 158..	..	New Buildings
Lydney Parish	..	42 and 44..	..	Scavenging & Watering
St. Briavels Parish	}			
Lydney Parish	..	90 ..	..	Lodging Houses
Do.	do.	160 ..	..	Numbering and Naming Houses and Streets
Do.	do.	39 ..	..	Urinals
Do.	do.	169(2nd & 3rd Pars.) & 170		Slaughter Houses
Aylburton Parish		42 and 44 ..	..	Scavenging & Watering

Certain sections of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907,
are also in force in the District.

Bye-Laws :—

	Adopted
New Streets and Buildings (Lydney U) ..	1892
New Streets and Buildings, Remainder (R)	1900
Prevention of Nuisances (Lydney)	1892
Common Lodging-houses	1892
Slaughter-houses (Lydney)	1892

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Cases and Ages											Cases and Parishes							Sent to Hospital
DISEASES	M	F	At all Ages	Under 1 year	1 and under 5	5 and under 15	15 and under 25	25 and under 45	45 and under 65	65 and upwards	Lydney	Aylburton	Alvington	Woolaston	Tidenham	Hewelsfield & Brockweir	St. Briavels	
Enteric	1..	0..	1..	0..	0..	0..	1..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	1..	0..	0	0
Puerperal Fever ..	0..	1..	1..	0..	0..	0..	0..	1..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0	1*
Measles	3..	0..	3..	0..	0..	3..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	3..	0..	0	0
Scarlet Fever ..	10..	8..	18..	0..	1..	13..	4..	0..	0..	0..	2..	4..	0..	1..	11..	0..	0	13†
Diphtheria ..	1..	0..	1..	1..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	1..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0	0
Chickenpox ..	3..	3..	6..	2..	0..	3..	1..	0..	0..	0..	3..	0..	0..	0..	3..	0..	0	0
Resp. Tuberculosis ..	5..	4..	9..	0..	0..	1..	1..	5..	2..	0..	4..	1..	0..	3..	0..	0..	1	0
Non-Resp. Tuber. ..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0	0
Erysipelas ..	1..	0..	1..	0..	0..	0..	0..	1..	0..	0..	0..	0..	1..	0..	0..	0..	0	0
Pneumonia ..	6..	4..	10..	2..	2..	0..	3..	1..	2..	0..	8..	0..	0..	0..	2..	0..	0	2‡
Anterior Polio Myelitis ..	1..	0..	1..	0..	0..	0..	1..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	1..	0..	0..	0	0
Ophth. Neon. ..	1..	0..	1..	1..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	1..	0..	0..	0..	0	0
Totals	32..	19..	51..	6..	3..	20..	11..	7..	4..	0..	18..	5..	2..	5..	20	0..	1	16

* Gloucester Royal Infirmary

† 1 to Chepstow Isolation Hospital
12 to Alvington ,, ,,

‡ Lydney Hospital

INFANTILE MORTALITY.

CAUSES OF DEATH	M	F	Under 1 week	1-2 weeks	2-3 weeks	3-4 weeks	Total under 4 weeks	4 weeks and under 3 months	3 months and under 6 months	6 months and under 9 months	9 months and under 12 months	Total Deaths under 1 year
			Under 1 week	1-2 weeks	2-3 weeks	3-4 weeks	Total under 4 weeks	4 weeks and under 3 months	3 months and under 6 months	6 months and under 9 months	9 months and under 12 months	Total Deaths under 1 year
Influenza ..	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Bronchitis ..	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Pneumonia ..	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Congenital Debility ..	4	2	2	0	1	0	3	3	0	0	0	6
Other Definite Diseases ..	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Totals (all causes ..	5	5	2	0	1	0	3	5	1	1	0	10

Nett Births in the year :—

Legitimate .. 175

Illegitimate .. 9

Totals 184

Nett Deaths in the year :—

Legitimate infants .. 43·4

Illegitimate " .. 10·8

54·2

MORTALITY AT ALL AGES.

DEATHS IN OR BELONGING TO WHOLE DISTRICT AT SUBJOINED AGES.																									
CAUSES OF DEATH	M	F	At all ages	Under 1 year	1 and under 5	5 and under 15	15 and under 25	25 and under 45	45 and under 65	65 and upwards															
			Lydney Parish	Aylburton	Alvington	Woolaston	Tidenham	Llancaut	Hewelsfield, Brockweir	St. Briavels, Brockweir	Lydney and District Hosp.	Died in but not belonging to District	Belonging to but died out of District	Inquests											
Influenza ..	0..	2..	2..	1..	1..	0..	0..	0..	1..	0	0..	0..	1..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0			
Tuberculosis of Resp. System ..	5..	5..	10..	0..	0..	0..	3..	7..	0..	0	4..	1..	0..	2..	2..	0..	1..	0..	0..	0..	5..	0			
Other Tuber. Diseases ..	0..	1..	1..	0..	0..	0..	1..	0..	0..	0	0..	0..	0..	1..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0			
Cancer, Malignant Dis. ..	9..	5..	14..	0..	0..	0..	0..	1..	6..	7	7..	0..	0..	2..	2..	0..	2..	1..	0..	0..	4..	0			
Diabetes ..	2..	1..	3..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	1..	2	2..	0..	0..	0..	1..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0			
Cerebral Hemorrhage, &c. ..	4..	3..	7..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	1..	6	2..	0..	0..	1..	2..	0..	1..	1..	0..	0..	1..	0			
Heart Disease ..	5..	12..	17..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	2..	15	7..	2..	1..	0..	2..	0..	0..	5..	1..	0..	3..	2			
Arterio-Sclerosis ..	4..	2..	6..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	1..	5	2..	0..	0..	0..	4..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0			
Bronchitis ..	3..	1..	4..	1..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	3	1..	0..	0..	0..	2..	0..	0..	1..	0..	0..	1..	0			
Pneumonia(all forms) ..	2..	8..	10..	1..	0..	2..	0..	1..	0..	6	5..	0..	1..	0..	2..	0..	1..	1..	3..	1..	4..	0			
Ulcer of Stomach or Duodenum ..	4..	0..	4..	0..	0..	0..	0..	1..	2..	1	0..	1..	0..	1..	0..	0..	2..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0			
Appendicitis ..	1..	0..	1..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	1	0..	0..	1..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	1..	0..	0..	0			
Acute and Chronic Nephritis ..	1..	1..	2..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	1..	1	1..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	1..	0..	0..	0..	0			
Congenital Debility and Malformation, Premature Birth ..	4..	2..	6..	6..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0	4..	1..	1..	0..	0..	0..	1..	0..	0..	0..	1..	0			
Suicide ..	0..	1..	1..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	1..	0	1..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	1			
Other deaths from Violence ..	3..	0..	3..	0..	0..	0..	0..	1..	1..	1	1..	0..	0..	1..	1..	0..	0..	0..	1..	1..	0..	3			
Other Defined Diseases ..	10..	15..	25..	1..	0..	1..	2..	1..	3..	17	9..	4..	2..	1..	7..	0..	1..	1..	3..	0..	7..	2			
Causes ill-defined or unknown ..	0..	1..	1..	0..	0..	0..	0..	1..	0..	0	0..	0..	0..	0..	1..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	1..	0			
Totals ..	57..	60..	117..	10..	0..	3..	6..	13..	20..	65	46..	9..	6..	9..	27..	0..	9..	11..	9..	2..	27..	8			

LYDNEY SHIPPING, 1925.

RETURNS IN ACCORDANCE WITH CIRCULAR 372

M.H. 31-1-1923

The following is the list of vessels, foreign and otherwise, that has entered the Port of Lydney in 1923, 1924 and 1925.

Year	Foreign Vessels	Tonnage	Coasting Vessels	Tonnage
1923	142	17642	1462	96526
1924	172	20004	1378	87828
1925	138	15697	1188	72361

Summary of Routine Work of the year :-

HOUSING :

Number of new houses erected during the year :—

(a) Total	56
(b) As part of a municipal housing scheme ..	20
Houses inspected	18
Number rendered fit	18
(a) Under sec. 28 Housing, Town Planning Act, 1919 :—	
Houses for which notices were served	1

WATER SUPPLY :

(1) Amount of Loan applied for, £4,469, £1,672 not yet been exercised.

(2) Purpose.—Increased Storage, New Pumping Plant, etc.

New connections with public supply	51
Samples taken for examination	3

SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE :

Houses newly connected with sewers	51
W.C.'s newly supplied with flushing cisterns ..	64
Earth closets, pail closets or improved privies constructed	14
Notices served to empty privy vaults	0
Privy vaults abolished	4

REFUSE DISPOSAL :

Parishes where arrangements have been made for the disposal of house refuse ?

Lydney and Aylburton.

NUMBERS INSPECTED OF EACH OF THE FOLLOWING :

	No. on register	No. inspected	Total No. of inspections
Slaughter-houses	12	12	38
Bakehouses	19	19	27
Dairies, Cowsheds, Milkshops	74	66	66
Canal Boats	—	—	—
Workshops	40	40	40

GENERAL :

Complaints received	7
Nuisances reported to District Council	18
Swine	0
Nuisances abated	18
Preliminary Notices served	3
Statutory Notices served	1
Houses disinfected	17
Disinfectants used :—Formalin Spray and Vapour.	

Signed G. J. ELLIOTT,

Sanitary Inspector and Surveyor.

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1.—INSPECTION OF FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS AND WORKPLACES. (Including Inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors or Inspectors of Nuisances).

Premises	No. of Inspection	No. of Written Notices	No. of Prosecutions
Factories (including Factory Laundries) ..	13	1	0
Workshops (including Workshop Laundries) ..	19	5	0
Workplaces (other than Outworkers' premises) ..	22	3	0
Total	54	9	0

2.—DEFECTS FOUND IN FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS AND WORKPLACES. *Nuisances under the Public Health Acts :—**

Particulars	No. of Defects				No. of Prosecutions
	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector		
Want of cleanliness.. ..	2	2	0	0	0
Want of ventilation	0	0	0	0	0
Overcrowding	0	0	0	0	0
Want of drainage of floors..	0	0	0	0	0
Other nuisances	4	4	0	0	0
Sanitary accommodation :—					
Insufficient	0	0	0	0	0
Unsuitable or defective ..	3	3	0	0	0
Not separate for sexes ..	1	1	0	0	0

Offences under the Factory and Workshops Acts :—None in district

Illegal occupation of underground bakehouse (s. 101)	0	0	0	0
Other offences	0	0	0	0

(Excluding offences relating to out-work and offences under the Sections mentioned in the Schedule to the Ministry of Health (Factories and Workshops Transfer of Powers) Order, 1921).

Total	10	10	0	0
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* Including those specified in sections 2, 3, 7 and 8 of the Factory and Workshop Act, 1901, as remediable under the Public Health Acts.

AWRE URBAN DISTRICT

Composition of District : The Parish of Awre, including the villages of Blakeney and Awre.

1.—GENERAL STATISTICS—Area (Acres), 4317.

Population (1921), 1147; 1925, estimated at 1189.

Number of Inhabited Houses (1921), 268.

Number of Families or separate occupiers (1921), 271.

Ratable Value, £5,109 0s. 0d.

Sum represented by a penny rate, £19 15s. 0d.

2.—EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR—

		Total	M.	F.	
Births	Legitimate	18 ..	11 ..	7	Birth-rate 15·9 (R.G.)
	Illegitimate	1 ..	1 ..	0	
Deaths	..	..15 ..	9 ..	6	Death-rate 12·6 (R.G.)

Deaths of Infants under one year per 1000 births—52·6

Legitimate	1	Total 1
Illegitimate	0	

3.—NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING YEAR—

Disease	Total Cases Notified		Cases admitted to Hospital		Total Deaths
Diphtheria	1	..	1	..	0
Scarlet Fever	1	..	1	..	0
Enteric Fever (including Paratyphoid)	0	..	0	..	0
Erysipelas	1	..	0	..	0
Dysentery	1	..	0	..	0
Tuberculosis :—					
(a) Pulmonary	M 0	..	M 0	..	M 0
	F 1	..	F 1	..	F 0
	Total 1	..	1	..	0

4.—SICKNESS DURING YEAR—

Measles was prevalent during the latter part of the year.

5.—Hospitals and other Institutions available for the District :

(a) Hospitals provided or subsidised by the Local Authority or by the County Council :

(1) Tuberculosis. No. of Beds : 177 (Standish), plus
64 at Over.

(2) Maternity. No. of Beds : 8.

(3) Children No. of Beds : None.

(4) Fever. No. of Beds : 40 and 6 cots, and 6 for staff.

(5) Smallpox. No. of Beds : 50 and 5 for staff

(6) Other. No. of Beds : None.

(b) Ambulance Facilities $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} (a) \text{ For infectious cases, two, one being} \\ \text{for smallpox.} \\ (b) \text{ For non-infec. \& accidt. cases : None.} \end{array} \right.$

6. —ADOPTIVE ACTS AND REGULATIONS IN FORCE IN DISTRICT.

Infectious Diseases Prevention Act, 1890 ..	Adopted 1891
Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1890 ..	1891

Regulations :

Dairies, Cowsheds, &c., Orders, 1885-6 ..	1910
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Bye-laws :—

Slaughter-houses	1883
New Streets and Buildings	1883
Removal of Nuisances and Keeping of Animals	1883
Common Lodging-houses	1883

MORTALITY AT ALL AGES

DEATHS IN OR BELONGING TO WHOLE DISTRICT AT ALL JOINED AGES.														Belonging to District but died out of it.	Inquests
CAUSES OF DEATH	M.	F.	At All Ages	Under 1 year	1 and under 5	5 and under 15	15 and under 25	25 and under 45	45 and under 65	65 and upwards	Awre	Blakeney	Etloe		
Cancer, Malignant Dis.	1	0	1	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	1	0	1	0	0	0
Diabetes	1	1	2	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	1..	1	1	1	0	1	0
Cerebral hæmorrhage	0	1	1	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	1	1	0	0	0	0
Heart Disease ..	1	1	2	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	2	0	2	0	0	0
Bronchitis	0	1	1	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	1	1	0	0	0	0
Other Resp. Diseases	1	0	1	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	1	0	1	0	1	0
Acute and Chronic Nephritis	0	1	1	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	1..	0	0	1	0	1	0
Congenital Debility and Malformation	1	0	1	1..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0	1	0	0	0	0
Other deaths from Violence	1	0	1	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	1..	0	0	1	0	1	0
Other Defined Diseases	2	1	3	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	3	2	0	1	0	0
Causes ill-defined or unknown ..	1	0	1	0..	1..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0	1	0	0	1	1
Totals	9	6	15	1..	1..	0..	0..	0..	3..	10	7	7	1	5	1

INFANTILE MORTALITY

CAUSE OF DEATH	M	F	At all ages	Under 1 week	1 and under 2 weeks	2 weeks & under 3 weeks	3 weeks & under 4 weeks	Total under 4 weeks	4 weeks & under 3 months	3 mons. & under 6 months	6 mons. & under 9 months.	9 mons. & under 12 months	Total Deaths under 1 year	Awre
Debility from Birth	1	0	1	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	1..	0..	0..	0..	1	1
Total ..	1	0	1	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	1..	0..	0..	0..	1	1

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

DISEASES	M.	F.	At all ages	Under 1 year	1 and under 5	5 & under 15	15 & under 25	25 & under 45	45 & under 65	Blakeney	Awre	Sent to Hospital
Scarlet Fever	0	1	1	0..	0..	1..	0..	0..	0..	0..	1..	1
Pneumonia	0	0	0	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0
Resp. Tuber.	0	1	1	0..	0..	0..	1..	0..	0..	1..	0..	0
Erysipelas	0	1	1	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	1..	1..	0..	0
Diphtheria	1	0	1	0..	0..	0..	0..	1..	0..	1..	1..	1
Total ..	1	3	4	0..	0..	1..	1..	1..	1..	3..	2..	2

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HOUSING :

Number of new houses erected during the year :				
re-built	..	..	..	1
Houses inspected	..	..	Re-inspections	36
Houses inspected and recorded	..	..	..	18
Houses unfit for habitation	..	..	..	4
Houses found not to be in all respects reasonably				
fit for human habitation	..	..	..	8
Houses rendered fit	..	..	..	6
Under Public Health Acts				
Houses in respect of which notices were served re-				
quiring defects to be remedied	..	..	..	14
No. remedied	..	..	..	6
Representations made with a view to the making				
of Closing Orders	..	..	..	4

SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE :

No Public System.				
Improved privies constructed	..	..	..	3
Notices served to empty "privy vaults"	..	..	..	1
Privy vaults abolished	..	..	..	1

NUMBERS INSPECTED OF EACH OF THE FOLLOWING :

			No. on Register		No. Inspected	Total No. of Inspections
Slaughter Houses	..	..	1	..	1	12
Bakehouses	..	..	3	..	3	18
Dairies, Cowsheds, Milkshops	..	..	32	..	32	160
Workshops	..	..	9	..	9	18

GENERAL :

Complaints received	..	..	..	..	10
No. of nuisances reported to District Council					10
Swine	..	..	..	..	2
Nuisances abated	..	..	..	..	42
Preliminary notices served	..	..	..	..	35
Statutory notices served	..	..	..	..	4
Houses disinfected	..	..	..	..	2
Methods of disinfection used : Formaldehyde Gas.					

Signed H. E. W. HOOK;

Sanitary Inspector.

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1.—INSPECTION OF FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS AND WORKPLACES.
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Premises	No. of Inspec- tions	No. of Written Notices	No. of Prose- cutions
Factories (including Factory Laundries) ..	8	0	0
Workshops (including Workshop Laundries) 10	..	0	.. 0
Workplaces (other than Outworkers' premises) 0	..	0	.. 0
Total	18	0	0

NEWNHAM-ON-SEVERN

URBAN DISTRICT

Composition of District: The Town and Parish of Newnham-on-Severn.

1.—GENERAL STATISTICS—Area (Acres), 1937.

Population (1921), 1181; in 1925, estimated population, 1220.

Number of inhabited houses (1921) 280.

Number of families or separate occupiers (1921), 278.

Rateable Value, £5293 0s. 0d.

Sum represented by a penny rate, £20 0s. 0d.

2.—EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR—

		Total	M	F	
Births	Legitimate	18 ..	10 ..	8	Birth-rate 15·57 (R.G.)
	Illegitimate	1 ..	1 ..	0	
Deaths	.. ..	15 ..	10 ..	5	Death-rate 12·29 (R.G.)

Deaths of Infants under one year per 1000 births—

Legitimate	52·6	} Total 105·2
Illegitimate	52·6	

Deaths from Measles (all ages), 1.

3.—NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING YEAR—

Disease		Total Cases Notified	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Diphtheria .. ..	.. ..	8	7	2
Scarlet Fever .. ..	.. ..	1	1	0
Tuberculosis :—				
(a) Pulmonary	M	0	M 0	M 0
	F	1	F 0	F 1
	Total	1	0	1
(b) Non-Pulmonary	M	0	M 0	M 0
	F	0	F 0	F 1
	Total	0	0	1

4.—SICKNESS DURING YEAR—

Measles was prevalent during the latter part of the year.

5.—Hospitals and other Institutions available for the District :

(a) Hospitals provided or subsidised by the Local Authority or by the County Council :

(1) Tuberculosis :

Standish House, Beds for Males	73	} 177
„ „ Females	26	
„ „ Children	78	

Over 46

(2) Maternity. No. of Beds : 8.

(3) Children. No. of Beds : None.

(4) Fever. No. of Beds : 40, 6 Cots and 6 for Staff.

(5) Smallpox. No. of Beds : 50 and 5 for Staff.

(6) Other. No. of Beds : None.

(b) Ambulance Facilities { (a) For infectious cases, two motors, one being for smallpox.
(b) For non-infectious & accident cases, 0.

6.—ADOPTIVE ACTS AND REGULATIONS IN FORCE IN DISTRICT
Acts :—

	Adopted
Infectious Diseases Prevention Act, 1890 ..	1893
Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1890, Part III.	1893

Regulations :—

Dairies and Cowsheds, &c., Orders 1885-6 ..	1910
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Bye-Laws :—

New Streets and Buildings (U)	1863
New Streets and Buildings Order, 1877 ..	1914
Removal of Nuisances and Keeping of Animals	1863
Common Lodging Houses	1863
Slaughter-houses	1863

This district was constituted a Local Board before the passing of the Public Health Act, 1872, when it became an Urban Sanitary Authority, and subsequently at the passing of the Local Government Act, 1894, an Urban District Council.

MORTALITY AT ALL AGES.

DEATHS IN OR BELONGING TO WHOLE DISTRICT AT SUBJOINED AGES

CAUSES OF DEATHS			At All Ages	Under 1 year	1 and under 5	5 and under 15	15 and under 25	25 and under 45	45 and under 65	65 and upward	Newnham	Belonging to the District but died out of it
	M	F										
Scarlet Fever ..	1..	0..	1..	0..	0..	1..	0..	0..	0..	0	1..	1
Diphtheria ..	2..	0..	2..	0..	0..	2..	0..	0..	0..	0	2..	2
Resp. Tuberculosis	0..	1..	1..	0..	0..	0..	1..	0..	0..	0	1..	1
Other Tuberc. Dis.	0..	1..	1..	0..	0..	0..	1..	0..	0..	0	1..	0
Cancer, Malignant..	2..	0..	2..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	2	2..	0
Cerebral Hemorrhage	1..	0..	1..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	1..	0	1..	1
Heart Disease ..	0..	2..	2..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	1..	1	2..	0
Arterio-Sclerosis ..	1..	0..	1..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	1..	0	1..	1
Bronchitis ..	1..	0..	1..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	1	1..	1
Congenital Debility	1..	1..	2..	2..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0	2..	0
Other Defined Diseases ..	1..	0..	1..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	1	1..	1
Totals ..	10	5	15..	2..	0..	3..	2..	0..	3..	5	15..	8

INFANTILE MORTALITY.

CAUSES OF DEATH			Under 1 week	1-2 weeks	2-3 weeks	3-4 weeks	Total under 4 weeks	4 weeks and under 3 months	3 months & under 6 months	6 months & under 9 months	9 months & under 12 months	Total Deaths under 1 year
	M	F										
Congenital Debility and Premature Birth	1..	1	1..	0..	0..	0..	1..	0..	0..	1..	0..	2
Totals ..	1..	1	1..	0..	0..	0..	1..	0..	0..	1..	0..	2

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

DISEASE			At all ages	Under 1 year	1 and under 5	5 " 15	15 " 25	25 " 45	45 " 65	65 and upwards	Newnham	Hospital
	M	F										
Scarlet Fever ..	1..	0..	1..	0..	0..	1..	0..	0..	0..	0..	1..	1
Diphtheria ..	6..	2..	8..	0..	2..	4..	0..	2..	0..	0..	8..	7
Resp. Tuberculosis	0..	1..	1..	0..	0..	0..	1..	0..	0..	0..	1..	0
Totals ..	7..	3	10..	0..	2..	5..	1	2	0..	0..	10..	8

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HOUSING :—

Houses inspected	..	..	Re-inspections	39
Houses found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	..	..	..	12
Houses rendered fit	..	..	..	10
(b) Under other sections of Public Health Acts				
Houses with defects for which notices were necessary				12
No. remedied	..	..	..	10

WATER SUPPLY :—

There is a deficiency of supply in Newnham Town,
in dry weather.
No public supply.

SEWERAGE & DRAINAGE :—

W.C.'s newly supplied with flushing cisterns .. 2

NUMBERS INSPECTED OF EACH OF THE FOLLOWING :

	No. on register	No. inspected	Total No. of inspections
Slaughter Houses	2	2	20
Bakehouses	2	2	6
Dairies, Cowsheds, Milkshops	17	17	68
Workshops	14	14	42

GENERAL :—

Complaints received	..	..	..	15
Nuisances reported to District Council	..	..	..	12
Nuisances abated	..	..	..	38
Preliminary notices served	..	..	..	38
Statutory notices served	..	..	..	6
Houses disinfected	..	..	(one twice)	6
Methods of disinfection used—Formaldehyde Gas				

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1.—INSPECTION OF FACTORIES, WORKSHOPS AND WORKPLACES.
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Premises	No. of Inspection	No. of Written Notices	No. of Prosecutions
Factories (including Factory Laundries) ..	9	0	0
Workshops (including Workshop Laundries) 42	..	0	0
Workplaces (other than Outworkers' premises) 0	..	0	0
Total	51	0	0

WESTBURY-ON-SEVERN

URBAN DISTRICT

Composition of District: The Parish of Westbury-on-Severn.

1.—GENERAL STATISTICS—Area (Acres) 8257

Population (1921), 1791. In 1925 it is estimated at 1863.

Number of inhabited houses (1921), 397.

Number of families or separate occupiers (1921), 401.

Rateable Value, £7980 0s. 0d.

Sum represented by a penny rate, £32 15s. 2d.

2.—EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR:—

		Total	M	F	
Births	{ Legitimate	24	12	12	Birth-rate 15·0
28	{ Illegitimate	4	2	2	(R.G.)
Deaths	.. ..	26	13	13	Death-rate 13·9
26					(R.G.)

3.—NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING YEAR—

Disease			Total Cases Notified		Cases admitted to Hospital		Total Deaths
Diphtheria	.. ..	..	0	..	0	..	0
Scarlet Fever	.. ..	..	2	..	2	..	0
Enteric Fever (including Paratyphoid)	.. ..	..	0	..	0	..	0
Puerperal Fever	.. ..	..	0	..	0	..	0
Pneumonia	.. ..	..	0	..	0	..	1
Measles	.. ..	..	6	..	0	..	0
Tuberculosis :—							
(a) Pulmonary	..	{ M	1	..	M 0	..	M 0
		{ F	0	..	F 0	..	F 2
	Total	{	1	..	0	..	2
(b) Non-Pulmonary		{ M	0	..	M 0	..	M 0
		{ F	0	..	F 0	..	F 1
	Total	{	0	..	0	..	1

4.—SICKNESS DURING YEAR—

Nothing special.

5.—Hospitals and other Institutions available for the District :

(a) Hospitals provided or subsidised by the Local Authority or by the County Council :

- (1) Tuberculosis. No. of Beds : 177 (Standish plus 46 at Over, etc.
- (2) Maternity. No. of Beds : 8
- (3) Children. No. of Beds : None.
- (4) Fever. No. of Beds : 40 and 6 cots plus 6 for Staff.
- (5) Smallpox. No. of Beds : 50 plus 5 for Staff.

(b) Ambulance Facilities { (a) For infectious cases, two, one being for Smallpox.
(b) For non-infec. & accidt. cases : None.

6.—ADOPTIVE ACTS, REGULATIONS AND BYE-LAWS IN FORCE IN DISTRICT

Acts :—
Infectious Diseases Prevention Act, 1890 .. Adopted 1910

Regulations :—
Dairies and Cowsheds, &c., Orders 1885-6 .. —

Bye-Laws :—
Common Lodging Houses 1863
New Streets and Buildings (2) 1863
Prevention of Nuisances and Keeping of Animals 1863

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

DISEASES			At all Ages								Westbury	Hospital
	M	F	Under 1 year	1 and under 5	5	15	25	45	65	65 and upwards		
Scarlet Fever.. ..	1..	1..	2..	0..	0..	1..	0..	1..	0..	0..	2..	2
Pulmonary Tuber. ..	1..	0..	1..	0..	1..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	1..	1
Totals	2..	1..	3..	0..	1..	1..	0..	1..	0..	0..	3..	3

MORTALITY AT ALL AGES.
DEATHS IN OR BELONGING TO WHOLE DISTRICT AT SUBJOINED AGES.

CAUSES OF DEATH	M		F	At all ages								In Institutions								In the District but not belonging to it	Belonging to the District but died out of it	Uncertified	Inquests
	Under 1 year	1 and under 5	5 and under 15	15 and under 25	25 and under 45	45 and under 65	65 and upwards	Westbury	Chaxhill	Broad oak	Walmore Hill	Rodley	Elton	Bolton	Gatwick	In Institutions							
Tuberculosis of Resp. System	0..	2..	2..	0..	0..	1..	1..	0	1..	0..	1..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	2..	0..	0			
Other Tuberc. Diseases	0..	1..	1..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0	1..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0			
Cancer	1..	1..	2..	0..	0..	1	1	0..	0..	2..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	1..	1..	0..	0..	0			
Diabetes	1..	0..	1..	0..	0..	0	1	1..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0			
Cerebral																							
Hæmorrhage	1..	0..	1..	0..	0..	0	0	1..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	1..	1..	0..	0..	0			
Heart Disease	2..	1..	3..	0..	0..	2	1	1..	1..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	1..	2..	2..	1..	0..	0			
Arterio Sclerosis	1..	0..	1..	0..	0..	0	1	1..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	1..	1..	0..	0..	0			
Pneumonia	0..	1..	1..	0..	0..	0	0	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	1..	0..	0			
Appendicitis	1..	0..	1..	0..	0..	0	1	1..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0			
Nephritis	0..	2..	2..	0..	0..	0	2	1..	0..	1..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0			
Prematurity	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0	0	0	0	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0			
Suicide	0..	1..	1..	0	0	0	0	1..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	1..	1..	0..	0..	1			
Deaths from Violence	1..	0..	1..	0..	0..	0	0	1..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	0..	1			
Other defined Diseases	5..	4..	9..	0..	0..	2	7	4..	1..	1..	1..	1..	0..	2..	0..	6..	3..	1..	0..	0			
Totals	13..	13..	26..	0..	1..	5	14	14..	2..	5..	1..	1..	1..	2..	1..	12..	9..	5	0..	2			

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HOUSING :

New Houses : one completed, two building.			
Houses inspected for defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) re-inspection	47		
Houses inspected and recorded under the Housing (Inspection of District) Regulations, 1910 ..	36		
Houses unfit for habitation	1		
Houses found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	14		
Houses rendered fit	14		
(a) Under Sec. 28 Housing, Town Planning, &c., Act, 1919			
	0		
(b) Under other sections of Public Health Acts			
No. remedied	14		
	14		
(c) Under Secs. 17 & 18 Housing, Town Planning Act, &c., Act, 1909—			
Representations to District Council	1		
Closing orders	1		
Rendered fit	1		

WATER SUPPLY :

No Public Supply	
Wells sunk or approved sources of supply provided	1

SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE .—

Earth closets, pail closets or improved privies constructed	4
Notices served to empty privy vaults	2
Number of privy vaults abolished	2

NUMBERS INSPECTED OF EACH OF THE FOLLOWING :

	No. on register	No. inspected	Total No. of inspections
Slaughter houses	2*	1	6
Bakehouses	2	2	6
Dairies, Cowsheds, Milkshops..	73	73	219
Workshops	8	8	24

* One Unused.

GENERAL :

Complaints received	15
Nuisances reported to District Council	10
Nuisances abated	30
Preliminary notices served	43
Statutory notices served	12
Houses disinfected	2
Methods of disinfection used : Formaldehyde Gas and at Poor Law Institution Formalin Spray	

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Premises	No. of Inspection.	No. of Written Notices	No. of Prosecutions
Factories (including Factory Laundries) ..	4 ..	0 ..	0
Workshops (including Workshop Laundries) ..	24 ..	0 ..	0
Workplaces (other than Outworkers' premises) ..	0 ..	0 ..	0
Total	28	0	0

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